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SUBJECT: SECSTATE MIDEAST VISIT-MEDIA REACTION MAR 12.

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1. SUMMARY: PRESS TODAY BANNERED RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN TEL AVIV AND ASWAN AFTER SECRETARY'S TRIP TO ANKARA. AS-SABAH COMMENTS THAT TRIP WAS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR CYPRUS PROBLEM AT THIS TIME BUT WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE ISRAEL TIME TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS. AR RAI HEADLINED: "ISRAEL EXPECTS HARD NEGOTIATIONS" WHILE AD DUSTOUR COMMENTS: "ISRAEL EXPECTS MODEST SETTLEMENT" AL URDON BANNERED: "KISSINGER TO VISIT JORDAN SATURDAY". AND JORDAN WEEKLY AL-LIWA STATES THAT "KISSINGER WILL RESIGN IF NOT SUCCESSFUL TOMORROW." PAPERS ALSO GAVE WIDE PLAY AGAIN TODAY TO VISIT OF SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA CONFERENCE. AD-DUSTOUR COMMENTS: "VISIT DRAWS SOVIET ATTENTION TO JORDAN AND SHOWS THAT JORDAN SHOULD RETURN TO ITS BASIC ROLE IN HELPING TO ACHIEVE PEACE." END SUMMARY.

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2. AL URDON EDITORIALIZES THAT CURRENT ISRAELI MOVEMENT IN
SETTLING OCCUPIED LANDS DURING CURRENT PEACE EFFORTS RAISES
DOUBTS OF ISRAELI INTENTIONS TO ACHIEVE LASTING PEACE". "NO
PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL".

3. EDITOR OF AS-SAAH OBSERVED THAT TALKS ARE AT CRUCIAL
STAGE BUT STATES THAT THERE IS NO PLAN FOR WITHDRAWAL OR
AGREEMENT. AIM OF PRESENT TALKS WERE TO DIVIDE ARABS BUT
UNIFIED ARAB POSITION HAS FOILED THIS ATTEMPT.

4. AL-LIWA EDITORIAL ENTITLED: "RUSSIANS IN JORDAN" COMMENTS
ON VISIT OF PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION AND GENEVA REPRESENTATIVE".
"RUSSIAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS JORDAN HAS TOTALLY CHANGED FOR THE
BETTER". "JORDAN HAS ITS PRINCIPLES BUT BELIEVES IN SPREADING
ITS MESSAGE TO ALL NATIONS".
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